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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO

REF: (A) MEXICO 8866; (B) STATE 230661; (C) STATE 192968

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES RECEIVING MEXICAN VIEWS ON SUBJECT MEETING. IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION PRESENTED REFTEL (A) EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EMPHASIZE TO FONMIN AND SMA SEVERAL ASPECTS U. S. THINKING ON MEETING, AS FOLLOWS:

2. WE ASSUME MEXICAN LISTING OF SUBJECTS FOR AGENDA IS INTENDED TO ADD TO AND NOT TO REPLACE OUR OWN (REFTEL (B)). PLEASE CONFIRM. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT, FROM GENERAL LISTING OF SUBJECT INTERESTS GIVEN BY MEXICANS (REFTEL (A)), MEETING MAY LAPSE INTO GENERAL DISCUSSION POLLUTION CONTROL RATHER THAN AN IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF BORDER

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POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND ABATEMENT AND CONTROL MEASURES THAT

ARE AND CAN BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THEM. OUR UNDERSTANDING (REFTEL (C)) HAS BEEN THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING, WHICH IS AT MEXICAN INITIATIVE, IS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. WE BELIEVE MEETING WILL BE OF MARGINAL USEFULNESS IF IT DEVELOPS INTO A SEMINAR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON MEXICAN LIST (REFTEL (A)), WE UNDERSTAND FROM BLACKISTON/ZWEIFEL TELECON NOVEMBER 29 THAT ITEM B, "EXISTING LEGAL NORMS," REFERS TO DOMESTIC POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES; ITEM E, "VEHICULAR MOVEMENT," REFERS TO EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS FOR AUTOMOBILES IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND APPLICABILITY TO SUCH VEHICLES CROSSING FROM ONE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER; AND ITEM F, "COLLECTIVE TRANSPORTATION," IS SAME AS ITEM E, BUT AS APPLIED TO BUSES AND TRUCKS. AMPLIFICATION OF OTHER ITEMS ON MEXICAN AGENDA WOULD BE HELPFUL. ADVISE ON ABOVE POINTS. IN PARTICULAR PLEASE ADVISE IF MEXICANS EXPRESS ANY INTENT TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION STANDARDS OR STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLLUTION.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE TO MEXICANS WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT UNDER SECRETARY VIZCAINO MURRAY IS ABLE SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. WHILE RECOGNIZING HE MAY HAVE OTHER OBLIGATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT OFFICIALS WITH AUTHORITY FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKE PART IN TALKS. ADDITIONALLY, WE BELIEVE, HE WOULD PROVIDE THE REQUIRED CONTINUITY WITH OUR PAST ACTIVITIES WITH MEXICANS IN POLLUTION CONTROL.

5. WHILE EMBASSY HAS DELETED SEVERAL PORTIONS OF U. S. BACKGROUND PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO MEXICANS, WE BELIEVE THESE SUBJECTS WILL COME UP IN DISCUSSION OF COMMON BORDER POLLUTION PROBLEMS, AND WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THEM. KISSINGER

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